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SIDE EFFECTS OF ORAL CONTRACEPTIVE PILLS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any research to assess the side effects on women who continue to use oral contraceptive pills to avoid conception;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is mandatory for a doctor prescribing oral contraceptive pills to point out the side effects to patients;

(d) if so, whether the doctors are following this norm; and

(e) if not, the action taken against such doctors who violate the same?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has conducted a randomised clinical trial on oral contractive pills. A total of 721 women were enrolled in the study with 383 women in triquilar-ED group (group-I) who were followed up for 3098 women month of use and 338 women enrolled in the low dose combination pill group (group-II) followed up for 2752 women month of use.

Contraceptive reliability, bleeding pattern, side effects and metabolic parameters were compared among the user of the 2 types of oral pills. The results of the study showed that there was no significant side effects during the one year of oral pills use.

(c) Yes, it is mandatory for the doctor prescribing oral contraceptive pill to provide all relevant information, including the side effects to the acceptor.

(d) In the Government of India Guidelines for Medical Officers for Administration of oral Contraceptive Pills it has been clearly indicated that each acceptor should be counseled on all the side effects before initiating the method.

(e) No such complaint has been received from any State/UT Government in this regard.